

FOREHOE AND HENSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Interim Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.For the Year ending 31st. December, 1943.

The routine work of the District has been carried on normally during the year, and the general health continues to be excellent. No cases of malnutrition or under-nutrition have been brought to my notice. Measles (222 cases) and Whooping Cough (55 cases) were prevalent, of a mild type with no deaths. Scarlet Fever (33 cases) also was prevalent, of a mild type, no deaths being recorded.

Diphtheria.

Immunisation has been continued, and special efforts to protect more children under school age are being made. (One case was notified in a non-immunized child). No deaths.

Scabies.

Measures taken to control this infestation are proving effective.

Venereal Diseases.

I have no figures as to incidence and prevalence. Facilities for early treatment, which is so important, are widely advertised. Propaganda methods by sex education, as organised by the Central Council for Health Education and approved by the Ministry of Health, have, and are being taken advantage of by exhibition of posters, distribution of leaflets, and giving of lectures.

Tuberculosis.

The following figures for the last three years are submitted:-

On the Register for 1941	...	88 cases.	48 pulmonary and 40 non-pulmonary
" " " " 1942	...	102 cases.	60 pulmonary and 42 non-pulmonary
" " " " 1943	...	104 cases.	60 pulmonary and 44 non-pulmonary
<u>Deaths.</u>	1941	10	7 pulmonary, 3 non-pulmonary
	1942	9	7 " 2 " "
	1943	3	All pulmonary

New cases in 1943 totalled 23. 10 pulmonary, 13 non-pulmonary.

Milk Supplies.

In a comprehensive report to the Council at the end of 1942, I stressed the importance of the following points:-

1. The complete re-organisation of the Milk Industry
2. A large increase in the Veterinary Staffs.
3. The training of more milkers, especially women.
4. A better and more uniform standard inspection of herds and premises.
5. An endeavour to find quicker and more reliable methods of sampling.
6. A closer collaboration between the Veterinary Staff and Medical Officers of Health.

7. Speeding up in forming tubercle free herds.
8. A simplification in the designations of milk to clear up misunderstandings in the mind of the consumer.

Most of these matters are embodied in the recent "White Paper" and subsequent Act, dealing with the Milk Industry.

For other points which have been under consideration see Sanitary Inspector's reports appended.

At the end of the year the number of evacuees remaining in the District was 512.

Water Supplies - see Sanitary Inspector's report.

All records, including Statistics supplied by the Registrar-General are being preserved for presentation after the conclusion of the war.

(Signed) Alex. P. Agnew, M.B., C.M.
Medical Officer of Health.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR,
for the Year ending 31st. December, 1943.

This year, it has to a certain degree been possible to proceed more with the normal duties of the Public Health Department, but a good deal of emergency work has also been undertaken.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER AND MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER.

Inspections of all the Dairies and Cowsheds registered in the District have been made during the year, and several of the premises have had works carried out to bring them up to the required condition of fitness.

There are 54 "Accredited" Milk Producers, and 8 "Tuberculin Tested" Milk Producers in the District.

MILK SAMPLING. 139 samples were taken for examination under the Special Designation "Accredited", 18 of which failed to pass the test on the first examination, and 160 samples were taken for biological examination for Tuberculosis, of which 2 were found to be Positive.

WATER SUPPLY. The parishes of Costessey, Cringleford and Trowse, are served direct by the Norwich Waterworks, they being the Water Authority to supply these parishes.

The parishes of Poringland, part of Framingham Earl and part of Stoke Holy Cross (Upper Stoke) are served from the same source, but through the Rural District Council, the Water Authority for the Area who receive in bulk from Norwich, and distribute it

This water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The parish of Hingham is supplied with water from the Wymondham Urban District Council Waterworks. It is received by the Rural District Council, the Water Authority for the Area, in bulk, distributed by them, and from its main to Hingham supplies a few premises in the Parishes of Wicklewood and Deopham (Hackford).

This water is softened, but not to a degree of hardness liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The supply from both the before mentioned sources is constant.

The proportion of dwellinghouses and the proportion of population served by a Main Supply in the Parishes previously mentioned is as follows:-

Parish	<u>Estimated population of Parish</u>	<u>Number of houses</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied from Mains</u>	<u>Estimated population supplied</u>
Costessey	4,500	1,324	823	2,900
Cringleford	1,000	309	287	950
Trowse	550	169	160	510
Poringland	900	296	121	400
Framingham Earl	200	72	17	55
+Stoke Holy Cross	490	138	19	65
+(Note: Only Upper Stoke served by Mains. Lower Stoke, which is the most populated part has no Mains supply.)				
Hingham	1,300	455	231	700

As regards water supplies generally in Parishes in the District other than those mentioned above, the supply is by means of wells, mostly shallow, quality only fair. Sufficiency so far mostly adequate, but evidence of shortage is known to exist in the Parishes of Wicklewood and Ketteringham.

In the Parish of Wicklewood, the Mains should be extended, and the Parish of Hethersett should be provided with a Main supply, the well water here being known to be inferior.

(Signed) A. W. HOBBS.
Surveyor & Senr. Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT ON MEAT INSPECTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

Slaughtering was carried out at the Swardeston Slaughterhouse throughout the year, and all the animals slaughtered, which were as follows, were examined:

<u>Bulls</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Heifers.</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>sheep</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
80	748	2204	284	3688	3946	2408

The Following meat was condemned:-

<u>Beef</u>	Weight:	Tons.	cwts.	q.	lbs.
43 whole cows (39 tuberculosis, 2 emaciation, 1 moribund, 1 septic peritonitis).....		12.	15.	3.	18
2 whole bulls (tuberculosis).....			14.	3.	8
9 whole bullocks (8 tuberculosis, 1 moribund).....		3.	4.	0.	19
3 whole heifers (2 tuberculosis, 1 gangrene).....		1.	1.	2.	14
<u>Veal</u>					
13 whole calves (3 tuberculosis, 1 septic peritonitis, 4 umbilical pyaemia, 2 immature, 3 moribund).....			5.	2.	20
<u>Mutton</u>					
4 whole sheep (1 emaciation, 1 septic metritis, 1 septic pleurisy, 1 moribund).....			2.	2.	0
<u>Pork</u>					
46 whole pigs (24 tuberculosis, 7 swine erysipelas, 8 swine fever, 2 febrile, 2 moribund, 2 septic pleurisy, 1 emaciation).....		3.	8.	0.	1
Parts of carcasses and offals condemned for various diseases....		16	13.	1.	21
Total Weight:		38.	3.	0.	23

Of all the animals slaughtered, the following percentages were condemned for generalised tuberculosis:

<u>Bulls</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Heifers.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
2.5%	5.21%	0.36%	0.7%	0.05%	1.17%

(Signed) G.A.J. Browne.
Meat & Foods Inspector.

